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DELEGATION HEAD

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1. SECRETARY'S INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO SRI LANKA
DELEGATION HEAD AND TRADE MINISTER T.B.ILANGARATNE
(SEE REF B) ON APRIL 19 BY LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR. ON
APRIL 20 HE RESPONDED THROUGH TRADE MINISTRY SECRETARY
KELEGAMA THAT HE REGRETS INABILITY TO ATTEND SINCE HE
WILL NOT ARRIVE IN NAIROBI UNTIL 1720 HOURS, TUESDAY,
MAY 4 (AIRLINE SCHEDULES DO NOT PERMIT EARLIER ARRIVAL).
HE DID EXPRESS HIS HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE LEAVES NAIROBI
MAY 13.

2. ALTHOUGH WE SURE SECRETARY'S TIME IN NAIROBI WILL BE
JAMMED, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SPECIAL EFFORT BE
MAJN FOR SECRETARY TO TALK WITH ILANGARATNE. LAST
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AND GSL WAS TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO COLOMBO IN APRIL 1975. WE BELIEVE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND ILANGARATNE WOULD STRONGLY AND OPENLY DEMONSTRATE OUR EXPRESSED INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT NAOF MODERATE APPROACH TO DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING NATION DIALOGUE WHICH HIGHEST GSL LEVEL ALSO SUPPORTS AND WHICH WE HOPE IT WILL PURSUE. SUCH A MEETING WOULD OFFER PROBABLY ONLY OCCASION AT SUCH HIGH LEVEL PRIOR TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN AUGUST FOR SENIOR USG OFFICIAL TO STRESS US VIEWS ON NEED FOR MODERATE, WORKABLE RESOLUTIONS, ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS (SINCE POLITICAL ISSUES ARE LESS WITHIN ILANGARATNE'S COMPETENCE). ALTERNATIVELY, IF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE PRECLUDES MEETING WITH ILANGARATNE, WE STRONGLY URGE ONE WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON FOR SAME PURPOSE AND TO MAKE SAME POINTS.

3. CONCERNING SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON, WE POINT OUT THAT FROM MAY 1 THROUGH ILANGARATNE'S ARRIVAL, DR. KELEGAMA WILL BE ACTING HEAD OF SRI LANKA DELEGATION. TO ADD TO BRIEF BACKGROUND IN REF B, KELEGAMA IS BROAD GUAGED POLICY LEVEL CIVIL SERVANT WHO OFTEN HEADS GSL DELEGATIONS TO MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MEETINGS. ALTHOUGH HE HAD

ALREADY EXPRESSED HIS UNDERSTANDING IF INVITATION IS FOR ACTUAL MINISTERIAL DELEGATION HEADS ONLY, SECRETARY MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER INVITING KELEGAMA IN ILANGARATNE'S STEAD. WE BELIEVE THIS GESTURE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OBJECTIVES IN UNCTAD IV AND AT SUMMIT IN THAT SRI LA AA WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON FOR DELEGATION HEADS FORM SUCH LARGE AND IMPORTANT GRQP OF DEVELOPING STATES.

4. IN RESPONSE PARA 3, D, SIX-MEMBER GSL DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (SEE REF D):

1. DELEGATION HEAD: MINISTER OF TRADE, T.B. ILANTARANTE

2. DEPUTY HEAD: DR. J.B. DELEGAMA, SECRETARY MINISTRY OF GRADE

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3. LEELANANDA DE SILVA, SENIOR ADDITIONAL SECREHORY, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

4. MR. C. CHANMUGAM, DEPUTY SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

5. AMBASSADOR SUSANTHA DE ALWIS, AMBASSADOR TO UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, GENEVA

6.MR. L.J.MARIADASSAN, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR,
SIR LANKA MISSION, GENEVA.
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